NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Thurs., Nov. 14, 2013; 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Information Open House Public Meeting Alvo Village Office, 135 Main St., Alvo, NE

STP-63-2(108) ALVO NORTH; CN 11450

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public information open house regarding the rehabilitation of Nebraska Highway 63 (N-63), in Cass County. The meeting will be held at the Village Office, 135 Main St., in Alvo, Thur., Nov. 14, 2013, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Identified as Alvo North; the proposed project would begin on N-63 north of the Village of Alvo corporate limits and proceed north 6.15 miles to half a mile south of the Interstate 80 (I-80) 420 Interchange. The existing asphalt is at the end of its anticipated service life and distresses present are significant enough to warrant complete replacement.

The proposed improvement is a "New and Reconstruction Project" and would consist of removing the existing pavement and reconstructing with doweled concrete pavement. Several alternatives were considered. The typical section of the preferred alternative would consist of a roadway of two 12-foot wide driving lanes and 8-foot wide shoulders, of which two feet would be surfaced. Culverts would be removed, replaced or extended as necessary to accommodate the new construction.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of some new property rights for right-of-way along the entire length of the project. Permanent wetland impacts associated with the project are anticipated. Mitigation would occur on the project or at a regional wetlands bank.

This project is located within potential habitat for the Interior Least Tern, Piping Plover, Pallid Sturgeon, Lake Sturgeon, Sturgeon Chub, River Otter, Southern Flying Squirrel, Western Prairie Fringed Orchid and American Ginseng, all on the list of threatened and endangered species.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2016 and be complete the following year, as early as

fall of 2017. The proposed construction would require detouring N-63 traffic; local access would be maintained during construction as much as possible. The detour route would utilize N-63, U.S. Highway 34 (US-34), Nebraska Highway 50 (N-50), Nebraska Highway 66 (N-66), and Interstate 80 (I-80).

The public meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, currently in the design phase, and receive input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel from NDOR will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The information "open house" format allows the public to come at any time during the advertised hours, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish.

NDOR will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the Department is notified by Nov. 4, 2013. Notification should be submitted to: Greg Weinert, Public Hearings Officer, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; greg.weinert@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4871, TDD telephone (402) 479-3834, Fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be available after the meeting on the NDOR website at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the "Alvo North" link. For further information, contact Tom Goodbarn, NDOR District One Engineer, (402) 471-0850, thomas.goodbarn@nebraska.gov.

